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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Taro ITO

Divisional of Appln. No. 09/257,953
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Examiner: A. Blackman

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For: IMAGE PROCESSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/257,953 filed February 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and 14-17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

18. (New) The image processing device as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a frame buffer; and

a fourth element which writes a predetermined one or plurality of said partial straight lines to said frame buffer; and

wherein said third element writes said ranged to said frame buffer.